

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claim 1 is amended, and no claims are canceled or added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action; Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,642,713 to Ohira; and Claims 3 and 4 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that Claims 3 and 4 include allowable subject matter. However, for the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit that all Claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), that rejection is respectfully traversed. The applied art does not teach or suggest that in the middle of the tape guide traveling to the predetermined position, the tape guide arm member is made to move along a groove provided in the fixed chassis to determine the position in the chassis plane direction, and wherein the tape guide arm member is guided and moved by contact between a projection provided on a lower surface of said tape guide arm member and a surface of the guide receiving member to determine the position in the height direction, as claimed in Claim 1.

The Office Action relies on (AAPA) to teach the features discussed above with respect to Claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that the AAPA does not disclose all of the features discussed above. Specifically, AAPA discloses, as best shown in Figures 4 and 5, a tape guide arm member 20 which constitutes the tape guide mechanism and a tape guide 17 placed on the arm member 20. A cam shaft 22 that is vertically provided on the guide arm

member 20, acts together with the movable chassis 1 and moves in a guide groove 23 of the fixed chassis 2. The height can be adjusted by using a screw driver for a concave portion 17a with a groove on top of the tape guide 17. Numeral 17b is a spring means of an auxiliary component for adjusting the height.

Accordingly, there is no teaching in the AAPA, nor does the Office Action particularly direct Applicant's attention to any teaching in AAPA, for the tape guide arm member being guided and moved by contact between a projection provided on a lower surface of said tape guide arm member and a surface of the guide receiving member, to determine the position in the height direction. As best shown in Figures 6 and 7 of the present invention, a joggle 36 is provided on a bottom surface of the tape guide arm member. The joggle 36 contacts the surface 45 of the guide receiving member 40 and therefore the tape guide arm member is aided in being smoothly received in the groove 42.

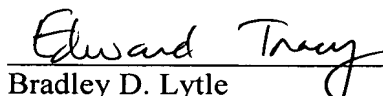
Again, as clearly shown in Figure 5, there is no projection provided on a lower surface of the tape guide arm member 20. Ohira is not relied upon by the outstanding Office Action to provide the features identified as deficient in AAPA and therefore is not substantively addressed herewith. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-2 based on 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over AAPA in view of Ohira be withdrawn.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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